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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, EE/DD/P

SUBJECT: Production of Urban Intelligence for European Satellite Countries

1. In recent years, the Geographic Research Area has produced seven town plans and two detailed urban area studies on European Satellite countries in response to requests from DD/P. The publications are as follows:

Urban Area Studies

Korce, Albania (GR-164, map no. 26022.1, Jan 58), Case K-2401  
Burgas, Bulgaria (GR-59-7, map no. 27589, Mar 59), Case K-2401

Town Plans

Szczecin, Poland (map no. 13174, Jul 54), Case K-11443  
Gdynia, Poland (map no. 13391, Jan 55), Case K-11443  
Gdansk, Poland (map no. 13852, Oct 57), Case K-11443  
Ruse, Bulgaria (map no. 13235.1, Jun 54), Case K-11551  
Plovdiv, Bulgaria (map no. 13349, Sep 54), Case K-11551  
Stalin (Varna), Bulgaria (map no. 13849.1, Apr 56), Case K-11551  
Bucharest, Rumania (map no. 26023, Nov 57), Case K-1915

Additional requests outstanding are:

Urban Area Studies

Sofia, Bulgaria, Case K-2401

Town Plans

Gdansk, Poland (more detailed plan than map no. 13852; draft completed and awaiting compilation by Cartography), Case K-11443  
Bucharest, Rumania (more detailed plan; in progress), Case K-4602

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2. Information shown in the town plans is generally as outlined in Enclosure 1. As is apparent, the plans contain considerably more detail than is found in publicly-available town plans. An unclassified version of each town plan, showing only street pattern, is also published for use in interrogations, debriefings, and similar activities. The urban area studies (Enclosure 2) are definitive reports which correlate a town plan with detailed analysis of the physical setting, morphology, and political, economic, sociological, and military characteristics of the city concerned.

3. The point has been reached at which new requirements are needed to support the production of intelligence in this field. For your guidance, the Geographic Research Area has a capability for production of urban intelligence on the European Satellites as follows:

Urban Area Study

Large city -- 1 study per year  
Small city or town -- 1-3 studies per year

Town Plan

Large city -- 1 plan per year  
Small city or town -- 2-4 plans per year

It is our feeling that urban intelligence has proved to be an especially useful tool in satisfying collection, reporting, and estimative objectives. 25X1X4200150  
25X1X4 while its most obvious merits relate to operations --

urban intelligence also provides a comprehensive statement that packages many economic, political, sociological, and military elements in their proper physical and cultural associations.


4. It is therefore requested that the Geographic Research Area be advised of the present and anticipated needs of the clandestine services for urban intelligence production on European Satellite countries. Additionally, we would appreciate guidance on the following specific points:

- a. Degree of need for the Sofia study. Is a full urban area study required, or would a town plan (map without accompanying textual analysis) suffice?

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b. Requirement for urban area studies that cover selected aspects of a city rather than provide complete analysis.

c. Approach and contents of town plans and urban area studies.

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**Enclosures: 2**

1. Standard Specifications for Town Plans
2. Sample Outline for Urban Area Studies

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